

5. *Be it further Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the receiver and the collection of Taxes, be referred to the committee on Finance, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

6. *Be it further Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Education, and all communications which may hereafter be offered on that subject by his Excellency the Governor, be referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which were read twice (the rule being waived) and adopted.

Messrs. Berthelot, Hart, Hawkins and English, were appointed a select committee, in accordance with the 3rd Resolution.

On motion, the Senate went into an election for Printer, when J. B. Webb, Esq. was duly elected.

His Excellency the Governor, transmitted to the Senate the following message.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, )  
TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 17, 1849. }

*To the Hon. the Senate of the Legislative Council of Florida.*

I respectfully submit to you the report made to me by Col. R. Fitzpatrick, the special Commissioner to Cuba, appointed by the Governor of Florida.

R. HAYMOND REID.

Which was read, and with the accompanying documents referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Berthelot, from a select committee to draft joint rules, made a report. [See Appendix.]

Which was laid on the table.

The Resolutions of Mr. Berthelot, in relation to Banks, were again read—the first adopted; and the second laid on the table.

The Senate went into secret session on executive business.

On motion, 50 copies of the rules of the Senate were ordered to be printed.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow.

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Friday, Jan. 17, 1849.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and yesterday's proceedings were read.

Mr. Dupont, moved that the committee on Joint rules, be instructed to confer with the committee of the House, upon the propriety of adopting a Joint rule, in relation to the Journals of the secret Session of the Legislative Council.

Which was adopted.

The Senate received the following message from the House.

*House of Representatives,*

*Jan. 16, 1840.*

*Extract from the minutes.*

Mr. Meacham, moved that a committee be appointed by the House, to meet the committee on the part of the Senate, to contract for the printing of the Laws of the present Session of the Legislative Council.

Said motion prevailed, and Messrs. Meacham, McRae and Irwin, were appointed said committee.

Attest.

JAMES H. GIBSON, *Clerk.*

Mr. English, presented a petition, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mills, introduced the following Resolution viz :

*Resolved.* That the Secretary furnish for the use of the members of the Senate, one copy each of the papers of the city during the Session.

Which was twice read (the rule being waived) and adopted.

Mr. Duval, from the committee on the Judiciary, offered the following bills without amendments, viz :

A bill to be entitled, "an Act to prevent Duelling.

An Act to determine the fees of certain officers in this Territory, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled, "an Act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into this Territory for traffic or sale.

An Act to repeal an act, granting appeals and writs of error in criminal cases.

And an Act to amend the several acts concerning Notaries Publick.

Which report was received, and said bills made the order for Monday.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Finance, made the following report.

The committee on Finance and Banks, to whom were referred the Resolutions of the Senate of the United States, passed Dec. 30, 1839, in relation to the Florida Banks, have the honor to report : that the obtaining of the information required by said resolutions, seems to your committee to be exclusively an executive duty—The Journals of the Legislative Council from which most of the information sought for must be derived, are in the custody of the Secretary of the Territory, as are also the annual reports of the Banks, it is supposed that a thorough investigation of the affairs of the several Banks, now in operation in the Territory, will be made by the Legislative Council in the course of its present session ; when this shall have been done, it is probable that much of the required information will be supplied. This investigation will however be the work of time.

Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was concurred in.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday 12 o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JAN. 20th. 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of Friday were read.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the documents relative to the claim of Benjamin G. Thomson, against this Territory, introduced into the Legislative Council at its last session, were referred to the state of the Territory.

Mr. Dupont, agreeable to previous notice, asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal an act to amend an act concerning Dower," which was read a first and second time by its teller, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wright gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the number of Senators, and to lay off the Territory into Senatorial Districts."

Mr. Hart gives notice that he will, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to authorize Cyrus Briggs to build a ferry across Nassau river.

On motion, a bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent Duelling," was made the order of the day for Wednesday, and thirty copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wright, a bill to be entitled "An Act to determine the fees of certain officers in this Territory, and for other purposes," was laid on the table.

The Senate went into committee of the whole on a bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into this territory for traffic or sale," Mr. Hart in the Chair. After sometime spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported the bill as amended, which was concurred in.

The bill was read a third time by its teller, and ordered to be engrossed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message.

Which were read and laid on the table.

His Excellency the Governor transmitted to the Senate the following message, viz: